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Group I (claims 1-11, and 15) are hereby elected, without traverse. In the case that they elect Group I, applicants were further requested to elect one of the patentably distinct species listed in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Applicants hereby elect the species of SEQ ID NO: 1, in which X1 is SEQ ID NO: 3, X2 (now designated as Xaa) is L, and X3 is SEQ ID NO: 22. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 15 read on the elected species.

In order to facilitate prosecution of this application, the cancellation of non-elected claims 12-14, and 16-27, without prejudice, has been directed by the foregoing amendment. Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims in one or more continuing applications.

All claims pending in this application are believed to be in *prima facie* condition of allowance, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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